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The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 10th March to the 24th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

J. BRADLEE SMITH,

General Agent.

Hongkong, February 19, 1879. m/s

THE CHINESE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

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1.—That the Business of the Company be in future managed by a Board of Directors and a Secretary instead of the former and General Agents as heretofore.

2.—That if in the opinion of the Directors the Business of the Company in any year be such as not to warrant the Payment of Interest at \$12 per cent. per annum on the Paid-up Capital, they may during such year reduce such Rate to such lower amount as they may consider desirable for the Interests of the Company.

3.—To enable the Directors if a necessity shall arise to pay such Interest or any part thereof out of the Reserve Fund.

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5.—That fourteen Days instead of Thirty Days notice may be given of all Meetings of the Company.

6.—That Clause 147 of the Articles of the Company be expunged, leaving future changes in the Regulations of the Company to be made as provided for by Ordinance No. 1 of 1865.

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Dated this Third day of February, 1879.

By Order,
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CRADIN LEA, British barque, Capt. A. L. Winther—Butterfield & Swire.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

March 1, Pacific, German steamer, put back.

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March 2, *Glenorchy*, British steamer, 1775, J. S. Hogg, Amoy March 1, General—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.March 2, *Huai Yuen*, Chinese steamer, 755, C. M. S. N. Co.March 2, *Chinkiang*, British steamer, 708, Orr, Shanghai Feb. 22, and Swatow March 1, General—SIEMSEN & Co.March 3, *Ningpo*, British steamer, from Canton.March 3, *Sun-kei*, Chinese R. C., from a cruise.March 3, *Olympia*, German steamer, 783, F. Nagel, Saigon Feb. 26, Rice—SIMSEN & Co.March 3, *Frei*, French barque, from Whampoa.March 3, *Elizabeth Childs*, British barque, 851, O. E. Lindbergh, Quinhon Feb. 18, Ballast and Salt.—WIELES & Co.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

DEPARTURES.

Mar. 2, *Kwangtung*, for Coast Ports.2, *Tsingtao*, for Shanghai.2, *Huai Yuen*, for Canton.3, *Yontung*, for Swatow.3, *Corea*, for Manilla.3, *Prins Arthur*, for Chefoo.3, *Conchita*, for Saigon.3, *Bellona*, for Bangkok.3, *Philippine*, for Newchwang.3, *Glaucus*, for London, &c.3, *Glenorchy*, for Singapore.3, *Ningpo*, for Shanghai.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Glenorchy*, from Amoy, Mr. Glover, Captain Thompson, and Master L. Steiner, and 50 Chinese deck.Per *Huai Yuen*, from Shanghai, 60 Chinese.Per *Olympia*, from Saigon, 39 Chinese.Per *Elizabeth Childs*, from Quinhon, 9 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Ningpo, for Shanghai, Mr. Brandt.

Per *Glaucus*, for Singapore, &c., Capt. Vincent and servant, and 800 Chinese.Per *Yontung*, for Swatow, 101 Chinese.Per *Kwangtung*, for Coast Ports, 5 European.Per *Amoy*, for Newchwang, 2 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The German steamer *Olympia* reports:

First part of the passage fine weather and light S.E. winds, afterwards strong N.E. monsoon and heavy sea.

The British steamer *Glenorchy* reports:

Fresh N.E. gales and thick weather throughout.

The British barque *Elizabeth Childs* reports:

THE CHINA MAIL.

stop it. Pocket-knives are made in Canton and marked "Rogers Superior Cutlery." They are got up to look very much like the genuine article, but there their resemblance ends. They are made of hoop-iron which bends immediately an attempt is made to cut anything harder than butter. A number of these were seized at Canton this morning as they were being conveyed on board the steamer for the Hongkong Market, and we understand that there are large numbers of the same article to be found in Chinese shops and amongst hawkers of "Foreign" go da.

An inquest was held this afternoon on the bodies of two Chinese children, a boy and a girl, aged respectively 5 and 4 years. The following gentlemen comprised the jury, Messrs. G. S. Hadon, W. G. Humphreys and E. D. Sapey. The evidence went to show that the deceased were both drowned owing to the capsizing of a sampan on Saturday morning. The mother of the deceased, witness's father-in-law, aunt, uncle, and herself were in the sampan alongside the steamer *Nanota*, when two passengers from the steamer engaged the boat to take them on shore. Witness pushed off from the steamer as soon as the passengers got on board. At this moment two more men jumped from the steamer on to the top of the house, and the boat immediately capsized and all were thrown into the water. Witness and others clung to the boat, but the deceased were both in the hold. Those who were clinging to the boat were picked up by a cargo-boat. One of the children was drowned and the other was rescued by a foreigner and taken on board the *Nanota*. There was not much sea at the time.

Dr. Wharry gave evidence, proving the cause of death to be from drowning. Kwok Achi, the aunt of deceased, gave corroborative evidence.

Low Ashow, and two others travelling traders, deposed to having engaged the boat for 40 cents to take them and another man on shore. One of the boat people moved off the boat and shoving too hard the boat capsized. No one jumped on board. They were about 6 feet away from the steamer when the boat capsized. We were all sitting in the boat when the accident occurred. Witnesses had lost all their luggage.

Kwok Sing Tann, a farmer at Swatow, said he came here by the steamer *Nanota* to look for employment, and corroborated the statements of the previous witness.

Tang Atoi, uncle of deceased, stated that they had engaged to take two men on shore, and as they were shoving off from the steamer the last two witnesses jumped on to the boat and she capsized. The last two witnesses had no luggage.

Tang Usan, the father-in-law of the first witness, corroborated the previous witness's statement.

Richard Wright, 3rd officer on board the *Nanota*, sworn, said—I did not see the boat capsized. The *Nanota* arrived at about 4 p.m. on Saturday morning. There was a strong breeze blowing and a nasty chop of a sea. The weather moderated about 1 p.m. I do not think that the weather had anything to do with the capsizing of the boat as she was on the leeward side of the vessel.

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death as they were of opinion that although there was a certain amount of recklessness yet there was evidently no intention to capsise the boat, which they thought was more due to bad management than to any recklessness displayed.

The *Shen Pao* (Shanghai) has heard that the defeat of the troops by the *Yakka* insurgents in Hainan was owing to the insurgents pretending to flee and so leading them into a narrow defile, where a mass of water, which had previously been dammed up for the purpose, was suddenly let flow upon them. By this device a whole battalion of four hundred men was drowned. Previous to this the troops had been uniformly victorious in all their encounters with the rebels.—*Courier*.

Canton.

March 1, 1879 (evening.)

A month ago we had the pleasure of offering your readers such participation as a brief note afforded in the entertainment they provided this community by the "Concordia" Amateurs assisted by two ladies. That the interval had served them as ample time for the presentation of even, in the ensemble, (i.e. the number and variety of the play and the picture-sequences of scenery and costume) a greater treat was a pleasing surprise last evening at the Hall; and the gratification was heightened by finding the "Sir William Evergreen" of the previous occasion rejuvenized as the Captain Gaythorne who had plucked a way-side flower whose sweet promise was happily allied to witty performance that precluded being "cut off with a smiting" by the red-striped martinet of an uncle, who albeit a valorous Colonel Berners was brought to bay by a wild bull and, happily for our heroine, put upon the horns of a dilemma compelling his fleeing into the ambush wherein she, meanwhile the unconscious decoy, became the clever strategist who compelled surrender from one bent on the application of the military rigour of the camp to family relations;—a victory gained, let us acknowledge, by such touches of nature as no counterpart of the sex could have achieved and evinced also, in subtlety of delineation, some finer ones than were required in the "Rough Diamond" by the same lady a month ago.

The Colonel Berners of last night was one of the highlights and whilst the *Concordia*

had with the wild bull vouchsafed for the broad red stripes of his trousers, we do not doubt that his valor was true-blue because he succumbed to the charming faints, faints and volatile strategy of his nephew's wife; but rather the contrary: Yet for proofs of his military training we are fain to defer to the judgment of the Gentlemen of that profession from your city who with their Ladies favored the performance with their presence.

The second play was in scenic and picturesque effects, in costume and especially in music the most important and lengthy; and gave scope to the German amateurs for their characteristic animation and gaiety of dialogue, in their own language, and yet with so much pantomimic skill of gesture as enabled all to follow the "motive" of the playwright and discern the plot. It is needless to say that the parts were all well sustained, for our German friends are patient students, and compelled in our communities, mostly composed of Anglo-Saxons, to speak in English in general society, they have a special zest in dramatic renderings founded on the history of their own country and in their own tongue; the more demonstrative parts, therefore, of Schubbe, Emilie, Kinne and Lademann, were markedly *con amore*,—that of Emilie, by a young gentleman, being faultlessly natural to the part. Nor should we forget the "local hits" of Kinne, restricted as they were to the limits of good taste and neighborly good feeling.

We need say but little of the favorite old but stirring farce of "Box and Cox," except that it was so far from losing its character that it may be said it was re-animated on this occasion by (strange to say) the erst transcendental "Lord Pluto" and his able coadjutor "Mr. Tchelini, assisted by the misanthropic valet "Boucette"; who, in the mists of fable and paradox by wiles of Boucette and Margate's feminine fox, emerged at last by the happily synchronous prevention of Knox.

P.S.—A complete programme is enclosed. A cold Northerly storm prevailing.

Manila.

(Translated from our Manila *Exchanges*.)

An appeal made by Messrs. Peele, Bubbell & Co., for the restoration of certain China effects seized by the guards on board the American ship *Don Quixote*, and afterwards confiscated by the Customs for not being included in the manifest, has been disallowed.

Necessary elements have been forwarded for the floating of the str. *Mactan*, wrecked at Iloilo.

On the 18th February, the British ship *George Thompson* arrived here from Yokohama, with salt, and the British barque *Spur*, with coal.

The Governor General has been pleased to recognize Mr. George Augusus Kinloch as Her Britannic Majesty's Acting Consul at Manila, which duty he commenced to perform on Feb. 6th, 1879.

The agent of the Electric Lighting Co. of London will shortly arrive at Manila with the object of making proposals to the Government for lighting the streets of Manila by electricity.

Messrs. Tilton, Hermann & Co. have been allowed to fit timber on board the British barque *Verona*, at a province of Mindoro, for Palawan.

A slight shock of earthquake, of a few seconds duration, was felt at Manila on the 21st Feb. at 9.24 a.m.

Cebu, 17th.—Trade is dull here, the prices are low and without demand, except the rice. There is only one ship in port.

A home paper says:—"The Chinese are continually revenging the foreigners, especially the Englishmen, for having compelled them to open their ports to the rest of the world. Such is the craftiness which they pursue for taking hold of the trade of other countries, which formerly was in the hands of the foreigners, that the greater part of the traffic, wholesale and retail, started by the Englishmen, the Germans, and the Americans, in now-a-days almost exclusively taken away by the Chinamen. The natives of the Celestial Empire are so cunning, and being satisfied with so little profit, while living most economically, that the people of other nationalities cannot by any means compete with them." The above is not specific to the Philippines; here the most of the Chinamen live in the shade of the foreigners, without whom they would fall.

China.

AMOK.

The last fortnight's *Amoy Gazette* furnish us with the following scraps of news:—

We hear that Mr. Edwards has taken a photograph of the room as decorated for the fancy costume very successfully taken on Tuesday afternoon at Mr. Wardlaw's residence. So there will be lasting souvenirs of this pleasant entertainment.

The departing Haifong of Amoy is this day (14th) to receive a deputation of Chinese merchants who will express their regret at the departure and present him with a laudatory address written in the usual form, enclosing a quantity of tea and rice, and red umbrellas covered with the names of his well-wishers. Rumour, however, says that these compliments have not been unanimously voted by the native mercantile community at this port, but only by a certain favoured section, the members of which take this opportunity of expressing thanks for favours received.

The Great Northern Telegraph line appears to be in a excellent working order. An answer was received here on 20th at 10 a.m. to a telegram to London despatched from here at 6 the previous night. This gives the splendid average time of 18 hours only to get a telegraphic answer from Europe.

In the good work of insisting upon municipal cleanliness amongst our Chinese fel-

low-residents on Koolangau, a beginning has now been made, and it only remains for the powers that be to keep the native authorities well up to the mark. The usually dirty street, bounded on one side by that filthy pond which is just the eye-sore of all foreigners, was this morning properly swept and as sweet as it is possible for such a locality to be; that it is perhaps hardly likely that this state of things will endure to the afternoon.

H. M. S. *Mooreen*, Commander, W. M. Carey, arrived on 22nd from Shanghai. She is, we understand, to be stationed here in place of H. M. S. *Hart* which will leave for the North on her return from Formosa.

The Revenue Cruiser *Fei Hoo*, Captain Cocker, arrived on Saturday afternoon (22nd) from the Light-houses, and left on the 25th for Fisher and L-mock Islands. We learn that on board the *Taiwan* at the time of the disaster were a number of students bent upon a further trial for the degree of *scholar* at the Formosan Capital, after having been unsuccessful in their own provincial towns. There being no Chinese sons of the soil in Formosa and comparatively few candidates, this irregularity appears to be winked at by the local authorities.

To-day (25th) is Shrove Tuesday, the anniversary of pancakes; and it is somewhat remarkable that, according to the *History of Amoy*, certain porous cakes are annually made and eaten by the Amoy Chinese about this period.

A Mask Ball was held at the Custom House yesterday evening (25th) and turned out a perfect success in every way. The costumes were of a most varied and amusing nature and many of them were remarkable for the originality and striking effect, these of the ladies dressed as shepherdess, Japanese, Vivandiers, and Chinese being by far the most conspicuous; the gentlemen's costumes were so diversified that a description of them would occupy too much space, but suffice it to say, almost every conceivable character was represented, Chinese predominating. At mid-night an excellent supper was served, after which dancing recommenced and was kept up until 4 a.m.

KIDNAP.—A resident of Amoy has the fanciful wish to be released, d.f. \$1,000 without spending them, giving them away, losing them or getting rid of them in any of the ordinary modes of disposing of superfluous wealth.—Can any of your readers suggest how that resident should go about it?

ANSWER TO THE "RIDDLE."—I know a way out of the difficulty. My solution may not be quite so clever as that which the author of the *Problem* is likely to have in store for us (hope he'll let it out in the course of time), but it is nevertheless worth knowing and can be recommended as efficacious.

Take one thousand Mexican dollars and send them to the Bank, you will get a receipt for 990 Spanish dollars. Withdraw these 990 Spanish dollars the next day, and you will be paid in Mexican according to weight, the proceeds being about \$994 or less. Now again take these 994 Mexican dollars to the Bank and they will credit you with 984.16 Spanish dollars; draw this sum out tow-rds evening, and it will yield, on the aforesaid principle, something like 988 Mexican dollars, more or less.

—on paying in and drawing out like this and you will find, one glorious summer morning that, when you send the last 2 Mexican cents remaining out of the original \$1,000 to the Bank, the Sheriff will inform you that they are bare win, too many to be converted into Spanish cents, and that he has consequently given them to his Baby to play with.

Should you thereupon express the desire to know what has become of your capital, the answer will be that it has fallen a victim to the difference between real and imaginary weight.

Japan.

YOKOHAMA.

A person named Chiba, of the village of Iwahimura, province of Tango, is about to lay before the government a sample of a remedy to cure the disease of silk worms, which he has discovered after many years' study, and to which he has given the name *Yosan Yaku*.

The law-suit relating to the Takaishi coal-mine, will probably be finished about the middle of this month (Feb.).

The Governor of Ibaraki-ken is about to give notice to the Minister of the Interior, of the discovery which has been made in the vicinity of the mountain of Shiken-zan of three mines, of gold, silver, and copper.

KOREA.

(From the *Hojo News*.)

An official inquiry into the cause of the death of Desaunais, seaman of the French corvette *Cosmo*, was held at the British Consulate on Monday, M. Flowers, Esq., Acting French Consul, presiding. The evidence of two shipmates of deceased who were with him at the time of his death was heard, and Dr. Harris testified to the inspection of the body, soon after death and subsequently. One of the three men belonging to the *John Milton* who had been arrested and were present in court, was held to answer for the death of the man; the other two were ordered to be discharged from custody and sent on board the vessel they belong to. All three are under 19 years of age. The revelation of the death of the unfortunate man made in the beginning of Dr. Harris's evidence, seemed to cause considerable disquiet to one of the arraigned, the man committed for trial, William John Mansfield, the fact of the death of Desaunais, it appears, having been kept from all three lads. The preliminary enquiry commenced at the British Consulate at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, the charge—causing the death of the 18-year-old Desaunais—being laid by M. Dumas-Venice, the Commander of the *Cosmo*. Should this grave accusation be sustained the case will have to go for trial before a jury, in which case, we imagine, it may be found advisable for Mr. Heaton, the recently-appointed judge, to come down to Kobe. The case is exciting a great deal of interest. We very much regret that our usual humdrum existence has been disturbed in such a sad way. Bad luck is at the bottom of the whole trouble, and until the fire-water dems disappear from the face of the land we may expect endless repetitions of the same terrible tragedy as was enacted in our usually peaceful settle- ment on Sunday night.

The funeral of the unfortunate seaman Desaunais took place yesterday morning. The body was removed at about half past eight from the Municipal Police Station, and conveyed to the Roman Catholic Church, where a service of some length was held. The funeral service then proceeded

to the cemetery, where the last rites were performed. Squads of men from the *Cosmo*, and from the *Midge* and *Sylph*, took part in the procession. Sir Flower, Acting French Consul, Mr. Quin, First Assistant of H. B. M.'s Consulate, and several officers of the vessels above named, also accompanied the body of the deceased, seaman to its last resting-place. The services occupied more than an hour.

The American ship *Coldstream* was sold at public auction by Mr. J. J. Cann on 5th instant. The price realized was Mex. \$11,800, which we believe is considered satisfactory. There was brisk bidding amongst the sake merchants of Nishi-no-miya and the neighbourhood, to one of whom the vessel was knocked down. There were three groups of bidders amongst the Japanese present, and judging from the interest manifested in the proceedings some disappointment must have been felt by those on the losing side. Another opportunity to acquire a foreign built ship will, however, be afforded them shortly, as it will be seen by our advertising columns, the *Brig Vista* is to be sold by auction on the 15th instant, by the same auctioneer, Mr. Cann. The stores of the *Coldstream* were sold in the afternoon of the same day at the Eastern Custom House, and realized \$619, the price obtained being in nearly every case good.

It was mentioned in our translations that the *Osaka Nippō* on Wednesday last that telegraphic communication with Koohi was interrupted, but that the cause was not known. We now learn that both cables connecting Siboku with the main island have been wilfully cut by some men calling themselves fishermen. They were caught in the very act, and handed over to the police. It appears the telegraph department have established a look-out station on a small island known as Cone Island, close to the place where the cable is landed on this side, and the men now in confinement were seen, through the glasses, to lift the cable one after the other, and chop them through on the gunwale of their boat. A European export, accompanied by five native assistants, left for Shikoku, Bizen, yesterday morning, and communication will doubtless be restored in a very short time. The men who cut the cable gave as an excuse that they interfered with their fishing. This may or may not be the true reason, but it is not supposed that the rovers *Kishisha* had anything to do with the business.

The U. S. gunboat *Ranger* arrived from Yokohama on Thursday morning. We understand that advantage will be taken of the presence in Koko of a U. S. naval officer to investigate the charge laid against the *Monocacy* of running down a junk, an reported in our issue of 25th ultimo.

SHANGHAI RACE CLUB.

An extraordinary meeting of the members of the Shanghai Race Club was held on 25th ult., at the Shanghai Club—Mr. J. Hart presiding. There was a good attendance of members.

Mr. Barnes Dallas, the secretary, read the notice calling the meeting, which stated that it was for the purpose of considering the following changes in the standard of heights and weights:—

1st. That the Height of Ponies be 14 Hands and under.

2nd.—That the Weight for Ponies be 0st. 10lbs. for 12 Hands, and an increase of 3lbs. for every inch up to 14 Hands.

3rd.—That fractions of an inch count in favour of a Pony.

The Chairman stated that after some consideration the Stewards had decided to recommend the alterations as read, being an increase of 3lbs. on the weights hitherto run, and with the differential weight between 13 8 and 14 hands abolished. The only difference would be that instead of 6lbs. for the range from 13.8 to 14 hands there would be 3lbs., which the Stewards considered was quite enough. Ponies above 14 hands would be disqualified. He therefore proposed that the alteration as stated be adopted.

Mr. Coutts seconded.

Mr. Gore Booth proposed that the weight be 10st. for 12 hands, and to increase 3lbs. for every inch up to 14 hands.

Mr. Bidwell seconded.

After some discussion, the amendment was put to the meeting, when only three voted for it; and the motion of the Chairman was adopted.

Mr. Lucas suggested that the "Derby" should be run by weight for inches instead of level weights.

A long discussion took place on this point;

The Chairman stated that it could not be decided at that meeting, but the Stewards would carefully consider the question, and in drawing up the programme they would endeavour to meet the wishes of the Club in regard to it.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.—*Courier*.

SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY—IN LIQUIDATION.

(News.)

The annual general meeting of the shareholders in the Shanghai Steam Navigation Company, in liquidation, was held on 23rd ult. at the offices of the liquidators, Messrs. Russell & Co. There were present—Messrs. F. B. Forbes (in the chair), F. H. Bell, P. Maclean (Directors); E. C. Brown, J. Buchanan, J. Jacques, T. D. Skelly, E. P. Latane, A. Vetch, J. W. Harding, W. J. Jamieson, H. Peters, R. Francis, P. G. Hubbs, Carl Krebs, A. Thurnburn, N. B. Hinckley, and A. White, auditor, representing 18,731 shares.

NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES,
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE,
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSEILLES;

ALSO,
PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA
AND ALL INDIAN PORTS.

ON SATURDAY, the 8th March, 1879,
at Noon, the Company's S. S.
"A. V. A.", Commandant RAPATEL, with
MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and
CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and no
accepted in transit through Marseilles for
the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until
Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until
4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m.
on the 7th March, 1879. (Parcels are
not to be sent on board; they must be left
at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
agent.

Hongkong, February 25, 1879. mab



STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE
GAL E, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA,
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDI
TERANEAN PORTS, SOUTH.

AMPTON, AND LONDON;

ALSO

BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND
AUSTRALIA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship
"GEELONG", Captain C. FRASER, will leave
this on SATURDAY, the 16th March, at
Noon.

For further particulars, apply to

A. McIVER, Superintendent.
Hongkong, March 1, 1879. mab

Occidental & Oriental Steam
Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED
STATES AND EUROPE,

IN CONNECTION WITH THE
CENTRAL
and

UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING
RAILROAD COMPANIES
AND

ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "BELGIC" will be despatched
for San Francisco via Yokohama,
on MONDAY, the 17th day of March, 1879,
at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers to
Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until
4 p.m. of the 16th March, PARCEL
PACKAGES will be received at the Office
until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value
of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS
SAGE TICKETS.

For further information as to Freight
of Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, February 26, 1879. mab

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"CHINA REVIEW."

Now ready.
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China Mail Office,

Hongkong, January 21, 1879.

To Let.

TO LET.

PORTION of a HOUSE, very suitable
for OFFICES and DWELLING, also
for a STORE, Queen's Road Central.
Possession 1st March next.

Apply to
LANDSTEIN & Co.

Hongkong, February 4, 1879.

TO LET.

HOUSE No. 7, Zetland Street. Possession
from March 15th.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, February 26, 1879.

TO LET.

IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65,
formerly known as the Blue Houses,
situate on Praya East.

FIRST FLOOR, No. 2, with possession
1st February.

HOUSE No. 4, Praya East, either the
whole House or in Flats, with possession
on the 1st April next.

As also,

A FRONT and BACK ROOM in the
DWELLING to the eastward of the Pier,
with its spacious Veranda. Immediate
Possession.

TO LET.

FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS,
attached to Blue Houses at Wanchoi,
MARINE LOT 65.

Also,

A SPACIOUS TIMBER YARD, close
to the Wanchoi Pier. Timber received on
Storage or the Yard Rented.

For further particulars, apply to

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 15, 1878.

TO BE LET.

TWO Excellent STONE-FLOORED
GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10,
Praya Central.

Apply to
TURNER & Co.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

TO LET.

FIRST CLASS OFFICES and GO
DOWNS, Nos. 64 and 66,
Praya Central.

Apply to
WO HANG,
Nos. 6 and 7, Praya West.

Hongkong, January 2, 1879.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of
Mr F. GROBIEN in our Firm
CEASES To-day.

SANDER & Co.

Hongkong, March 1, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and Responsibility of
Mr WALTER SCOTT FITZ, in our
Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASES
on the 31st December last.

Mr CHARLES VINCENT SMITH is
admitted a Partner from this Date.

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1879. jyl

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and Responsibility of the
Under-signed in the "Chinese Mail,
華字日報 (Wah Tze Yat Po),
CEASED from the 1st August, 1877, but
Debts prior to that Date will be received
and paid by him.

CHUN AYIN.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

NOTICE.

IN Reference to the above, the Under
signed has LEASED the Chinese Mail
from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged
the services of Mr LEONG YOOK CHUN,
as Translator and General Manager of the
newspaper, which under its new régime
will be found to be, as hitherto, an ex
cellent medium for advertising, especially
as the Manager is at a to devote his whole
attention to the conduct of the newspaper.

KONG OHIM,

Lessee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail,
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

INSURANCES.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on
Marine Risks to all parts of the World.
In accordance with the Company's Articles
of Association, Two Thirds of the Profit,
are distributed annually to Contributors
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion
to the net amount of Premium contributed
by each, the remaining third being carried
to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEE SMITH,

General Agent,
Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

THE Under-signed are prepared to grant
Policies against Fire to the extent of
£45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored
therein, at current local rates, subject to a
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,

Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 1, 1879.

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THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

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AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of
China and Japan, and at Singapore,
Sagon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance
granted at the rates of Premium current at
the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER
of

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A. D. 1720.

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THE Undersigned having been appointed
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prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

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Policies at current rates payable either
here, in London or at the principal Ports
of India, China and Australia.

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25,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE
COMPANY OF

MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling
of which is paid up £100,000

Reserve Fund upward of £120,000

Annual Income £250,000

THE Undersigned have been appointed
Agents for the above Company at
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and Hankow, and are prepared to grant
Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, October 15, 1868.

SWISS LLOYD
TRANSPORT INSURANCE COMPANY
OF WINTERTHUR.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Company, have
This Day taken over charge of the Hong
Kong Agency, and are prepared to grant
INSURANCE on MARINE RISKS at Current
Rates to all parts of the World.</